

QuickAlerts Messages May 2013

QuickAlerts – May 2, 2013

Subject: Tax Year 2012 Modernized e-File (MeF)- Form Family 1120 Updates

The following update has been posted on IRS.gov.

Tax Year 2012:

The Business Rules for Form Family 1120 [TY2012v2.1](#) have been updated on IRS.gov.

Questions or comments may be directed to the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654

QuickAlerts – May 9, 2013

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) downtime in Memphis, Tennessee and Martinsburg, West Virginia

The Electronic Management System located at Memphis, Tennessee and Martinsburg, West Virginia will be unavailable on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

We apologize for this inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

QuickAlerts – May 10, 2013

Subject: 1041 Early Look Schemas posted to IRS.gov

The [Early-Look](#) schemas set based on Tax Year 2012 for the 1041 Modernized e-File (MeF) program have posted to IRS.gov. These schemas will not be implemented in the MeF ATS or Production environments. We are continuing to make updates to the schemas for Tax Year 2013 changes.

Updated versions will be posted as they become available.

If you have any questions, please send them to the MeF Mailbox - MeFMailbox@IRS.gov.

QuickAlerts – May 13, 2013

Subject: Unscheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Downtime for Business Returns

The Modernized e-File Production System will be unavailable for service requests for **Business Returns** from **1:00 a.m. Eastern until approximately 3:00 a.m. Eastern** on May 14, 2013. The IRS will be conducting system maintenance. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production System to transmit Business submissions, get acknowledgements, BMF linked state submissions and send state acknowledgements until further notice. This system maintenance will not affect Individual submissions or any unlinked State service requests.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for updates.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the MeF Production System is operational.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – May 14, 2013

Subject: Modernized e-File Production System is Operational for Business Returns

The Modernized e-File (MeF) was successfully brought back online at 1:45 am, Eastern on May 14, 2013 and is now operational for all service requests.

All State and Federal BMF service requests have resumed to normal processing times.

We thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

QuickAlerts – May 15, 2013

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Scheduled Downtime - May 2013

Due to the current budget situation, the IRS plans to be closed on May 24, June 14, July 5, July 22 and August 30. The MeF system will not be available on these dates. Also on these dates, the MeF system (Production and ATS environments) will be unavailable from 10:00 p.m., Eastern of the prior day until 9:00 a.m., Eastern on the following day. For example, when the closure falls on a Friday, the system will be unavailable from 10:00 p.m., Eastern on Thursday until 9:00 a.m., Eastern on Saturday.

The initial planned closure date of May 24 coincides with the annual Memphis Memorial Day Power Outage. The IRS strongly recommends adhering to the following schedule to prevent issues with returns sent prior to the downtime:

MeF Production & ATS Downtime:

Shutdown is scheduled to begin on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 10:00 p.m., Eastern and end at 9:00 am, Eastern on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Important Note: States that schedule retrieval of their state submissions may have to change their schedule in order to retrieve submissions in time to validate returns and submit acknowledgements by 10:00 p.m., Eastern on May 23rd. Anything not retrieved thru MeF by 10:00 p.m., Eastern cannot be accessed again until MeF reopens for Production on May 28th.

Deadlines on Thursday, May 23rd, Eastern Time

Transmitters:

Transmitting Submissions (State & Federal)	8:00 p.m.
Retrieving Acknowledgements	10:00 p.m.

States:

Transmitting Acknowledgements	9:30 p.m.
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Start Up on Tuesday, May 28th, Eastern Time

Transmitters & States	9:00 a.m.
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Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

QuickAlerts – May 17, 2013

Subject: 94X Early Look Schemas posted to IRS.gov

The early look set of [schemas based on Tax Year 2012](#) for the 94X Modernized e-File (MeF) program have posted to IRS.gov. These schemas will not be implemented in the MeF ATS or Production environments. We are continuing to make updates to the schemas for Tax Year 2013 changes. Updated versions will be posted as they become available.

If you have any questions, please send them to the MeF Mailbox - MeFMailbox@IRS.gov.

QuickAlerts – May 22, 2013

Subject: EMS Annual Memorial Day Power Outage in Martinsburg, West Virginia and Memphis, Tennessee.

The Electronic Management System (EMS) located at Martinsburg, West Virginia and Memphis, Tennessee will be unavailable from Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 11 p.m. Eastern Time through Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

We apologize for this inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

QuickAlerts – May 23, 2013

Subject: Tax Year 2012 Modernized e-File (MeF) Stylesheets Updates

The following updates have been posted on IRS.gov:

Tax Year 2012

- [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) Stylesheets](#)
 - Final Version
- [ReadMeF 5.0.4 \(Windows Application\)](#)
 - New Set Up Instructions
 - New Features

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QuickAlerts – May 29, 2013

Subject: MeF Production System Down

The Modernized e-File Production System is experiencing problems and has been taken offline for maintenance. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production System to transmit submissions, get acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests until further notice. The IRS will issue a follow-up QuickAlerts once the system becomes available.

QuickAlerts – May 29, 2013

Subject: MeF Production System Operational

Modernized e-File (MeF) Production System was successfully brought back online at 9:00 am, Eastern on May 29, 2013 and is now operational for all service requests. Please resume sending federal and state submissions, sending state acknowledgements and retrieving federal and state acknowledgements.

We thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

QuickAlerts – May 30, 2013

Subject: Revision of Publication 3112

Publication 3112 *IRS e-file Application and Participation* (Revised 05-2013) is now available for download on <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3112.pdf>. This publication provides important information for Tax Professionals and Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers regarding applying and participating in IRS *e-file*. All participants should read this publication to become familiar with the requirements for continued participation.

Why a New Publication 3112? This edition of Publication 3112, *IRS e-file Application and Participation*, replaces the previous edition last revised in March 2009. The IRS communicated most of the changes on its Web site on IRS.gov as they occurred since the last revision of this publication.

QuickAlerts – May 31, 2013

Subject: Form 1041 MeF Early Look Test Scenarios posted to IRS.gov

[The 1041 MeF Early Look Test Scenarios](#) have posted to IRS.gov. All of the final 1041 MeF Test Scenarios for ATS testing will be provided at the end of September. This early look is provided as an example of how 1041 MeF ATS scenarios are structured. Please send any questions or comments to the MeFmailbox@irs.gov.
